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**Amendment**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1775  
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Appln. No.: 09/437,948 : Examiner: L. Miranda  
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Filed: November 10, 1999 :   
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For: NIOBIUM OXIDE-BASED LAYERS :   
FOR THIN FILM OPTICAL COATINGS :   
AND PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING : Attorney Docket  
THE SAME : No. 275-3

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2000 (Paper No. 2) in the above-identified action. The response is being timely filed by May 20, 2000.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 4-10 and 13-18 without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 11-13 and 19-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 4-10 and 13-18 have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application. In Paper No. 2, the Examiner has required restriction between the claims of Group I (claims 1-3, 11-13 and 19-20) which are drawn to an optical coating, allegedly

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